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Minutes of May 24, 2023 scheduled meeting of the Westborough Historical Commission at 7:00PM in our office, room 215 in the Forbes Building

Members in attendance: Chairman Christian Hedrick, Heather Abraham, Cindy duBose, Phillip Mighdoll

Members absent: Marjorie Peairs, Nancy Strecker

Meeting was opened by Chairman Christian Hedrick at 7:02p.m.

In the first paragraph minutes of our April 19 meeting Eagle Scout Hunter Felton described his project to excavate and move the Connecticut Path marker on the property at W. Main St. and Oldham Rd. The marker was installed in 1930 and has now sunk underground 60%. At the meeting it was voted that Chairman Hedrick sign the necessary paperwork designating the Commission as the project's "beneficiary" for the purpose of advancing this Eagle Scout project. Now it was added with the understanding that the WHC be updated and kept up to date with future developments of Hunter's project.

Design Review Board discussion. Cindy duBose. New signs: A new dentist is moving into a house at the corner of Lyman St. and E. Main St. No decision was made. The sign person is going back to his office to prepare new ideas for sign. Also, Way Back Burgers will be located next to Panera Bread at Bay State Commons. Former Planning Board Chair Jim Robbins was also at the meeting and said that Bay State Commons has been sold and there will be more physical changes made including landscaping.

Planning Board: Report about Silver Hollow Estates wanting to add more lots to the subdivision. Also the property at 6 Bellows Rd. which was a day care center and now the Boroughs Islamic Society. We were made aware of potential traffic issues nearby at Bellows Rd. & Rt. 9.

Community Preservation Bylaw was approved at Town Meeting and members from several committees are requested to have a representative join the group. Marjorie Peairs has indicated an interest and Chair Hedrick is asking if anyone else from the Commission would be interested. A person from the Commission will be sworn in by the end of June.

Cemetery proposals: Fannins responded and indicated they could start work in cemeteries sometime after July 1.

Historical Preservation: Phil Mighdoll prepared an extensive summary. There are about 81 properties that should be included in our report. Funding also was discussed.

Phillip made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13PM. All members agreed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Speckman".

Sue Speckman, Admin.